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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the office action dated April 8, 2003, in the above identified application, to which the period for response will expire on July 8, 2003. Please amend the above identified application with the replacement paragraphs/sections/claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 and 3 without prejudice or disclaimer, and substitute claim 2 with the following amended claims:

2. A method of detecting PCR-amplified base sequences, comprising the steps of:
 - conducting PCR amplification by mixing a plurality of primer pairs with a sample, said primer pairs being suitable for amplifying different base sequences of a same length or different lengths by PCR;
 - conducting a hybridization reaction by using a substrate on which at least one primer of each of said primer pairs used for the PCR are fixedly spotted on spots thereon and a solution containing said base sequences that are PCR-amplified in the preceding step, said hybridization reaction being performed between the primers fixedly spotted on